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## 'Gospel Road' Opens At Baptist School

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (BP) — Country and western superstar Johnny Cash premiered his new movie, "The Gospel Road," on the life of Christ

before a packed theater here, donating proceeds of the premier to a North Carolina Baptist school that earlier had given him an honorary doctor-

ate degree.

About \$7,000 received through the film premier was given to Gardner-Webb College in Boling Springs, N.C., which awarded Cash the doctor of humanities degree in September of 1971 because of Cash's humanitarian work with prison inmates.

"Why? Because they did so much for me it made me feel at home," Cash responded when asked his motivations for giving proceeds to Gardner-Webb.

Cash, dressed in his traditional black, called the premier of the film, "the highlight of my life," adding it was a "real thrill to me" to see the marquee saying "Gospel Road."

"It was an even bigger thrill when I saw that big 'G' rating," Cash added. "I just hope that this will be the first of many films which are fit for our children as well as ourselves."

The movie, shot in Israel, is a documentary on the life of Christ as told, both in music and narration, by Cash.

Cash financed the picture himself. His wife, country music singer June Carter Cash, played the part of Mary Magdalene.

The premier was marred by a telephone threat on the life of Cash.

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ON TELEVISION APRIL 1

Several of the Spring Street Singers and televangelism host Kenneth Chafin (front row, at left), sing together in one of the first productions of "Spring Street USA," Southern Baptists' nationally televised evangelism series. Seated next to Dr. Chafin is Miss Eva Carol Aultman, of Oxford, the one Mississippian in the group. The series will be premiered on twenty stations starting April 1, thanks to over-the-goal gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions last year. Thirty percent of gifts over \$6,000,000 this year will go to expand the televangelism project.



Mrs. Edie F. Hicks and family members at her home in Oxford observe the memorial edition of the book, "Help for Single Parents and Those Who Love Them," dedicated to the late Rev. Edie F. Hicks. From left: Rev. David Hicks, son of Mr. Hicks; Mrs. David Hicks, their two sons, Bay and Grant; Mrs. Edie F. Hicks and Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, author of the book.—Photo courtesy Susie James, Oxford Engle.

## New Book By Dr. Hensley Is Memorial To Rev. E. F. Hicks

"Help for Single Parents and Those Who Love Them" is the title of a new book written by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, of Jackson, and recently released as a memorial to the late Rev. Edie F. Hicks, formerly pastor of First Baptist Church of Waynesboro and first chairman of the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Dr. Hensley, executive director of the commission said the book is a primer for single parents.

Mr. Hicks served as pastor at Waynesboro from 1943 to 1955, at Magee until 1961, when he returned to the First Church, Waynesboro, where he served until his accidental death on August 22, 1971.

Presentation copies were made to Mrs. Hicks at her home in Oxford on Feb. 28, and to the First Baptist Church, Waynesboro, Rev. Brooks Barlow, pastor, and to the First Baptist Church, Magee, Rev. Oliver W. Ladnier, pastor, on Sunday, March 4th.

"Three years ago Dr. Hensley was asked to undertake this project and develop help from a Christian perspective," according to Dr. Charles E. Myers, of Jackson, Christian Action Commission chairman and a pastor of Alta Woods Baptist Church.

The project was designated as a memorial to Mr. Hicks upon his accidental death in 1971.

## BAPTIST HYMNAL TO BE REVISED

NASHVILLE (BP) — Plans are being initiated by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to revise Baptist Hymnal, published in 1956, according to James L. Sullivan, president of the Sunday School Board.

The hymnal committee, a 65-member committee representing the wide spectrum of Southern Baptist life, convened in Nashville for a three-

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The Executive Order 11246 was issued September 24, 1965 by President Lyndon B. Johnson following the enactment of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The executive order declared that "the policy of equal

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219 ENROLLED IN QUEEN'S COURT AT CAMP GARAYWA

Actees from every section of the state attended Queen's Court held March 9-11 at Camp Garaywa and sponsored by State WMU. Seven girls present had attained the rank of 'Service Aide,' the highest in Studioact, individual achievement plan. They were, from left: Linda Hill,

Jennifer Price, Vickie Hutto, Cindy Milton, all of Meadville Church; Jean Calvert, Gaston, Booneville; Dianne Harris, Jayn Lollar, both of East End, Columbus. The program was directed by Mrs. Barbara Taylor, administrative assistant.

## STATE COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS UP 24.3 PER CENT FOR YEAR 1973 OVER 1972

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first two months of this year, through February, totaled \$995,271 according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This is a gain of \$194,454 or 24.3 per cent over the \$800,817 given the same period of 1972, Dr. Hudgins added.

Receipts for February totaled \$438,181, a gain of \$19,218 or 4.6 per cent over the \$418,963 given in February of last year.

## St. Louis To Host Annual RA Congress

MEMPHIS — Presentations by former astronaut James Irwin, Southern Baptist entertainers, Grady Nutt and Jerry Clower, and Brotherhood Commission Executive Director Glendon McCullough will highlight activities at the Fifth National Royal Ambassador Congress scheduled for St. Louis, Missouri, August 14-16, 1973.

The three-day Congress, expected to draw between 7,000 and 10,000 teenage Royal Ambassadors, will also feature participation by the teens both in regular sessions and in a special "Care and Share" afternoon of mission action projects and personal witnessing.

Multi-media presentations expounding on the Congress general themes — "Gateway to Missions" are scheduled for all four Congress sessions. "World Missions" is the opening session theme. A new youth musical written by Ed Seabough of the Home Mission Board, Foreign Missionary Bill O'Brien, and Composer Bill Gates will officially open the Congress.

Multi-media experiences featuring Southern Baptist Entertainers Grady Nutt and Jerry Clower, former astronaut James Irwin, and Brotherhood Commission Executive Director Glendon McCullough will fill the other three Congress sessions on "Commitment," "The Great Commission," and "Involvement Now."

Charles Doggett, Congress program director and director of the Brotherhood Commission's Pioneer (youth) Royal Ambassador Department described the Congress as "one of the most significant missions meetings for youth in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention."

"We're on the verge of an exciting era of doing missions as well as learning about missions," explained Charles Doggett, Congress program director and director of the Brotherhood Commission's Pioneer (youth) Royal Ambassador Department.

"We hope the Fifth National Royal Ambassador Congress will be a catalyst for a new wave of personal involvement in missions," Doggett emphasized.

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## Glady Hopewell, SBC Missionary, Found Murdered

and Wednesday on home missions.

Major addresses are scheduled on Thursday by a black Baptist minister, Frederick Sampson of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Detroit; and by a seminary ethics professor, William M. Pinson Jr., of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

The "Share-the-World Celebration" during the closing Thursday night session, will be coordinated by the SBC Sunday School Board, with Louisville entertainer Grady Nutt as master of ceremonies.

Designed to call messengers and visitors "to a more frequent and deeper sharing of their Christian experience now," the celebration will be presented in three parts: "The Word We Share," "The Way We Share," and "Our Commitment to Share."

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the SBC Sunday School Board Nashville, will begin the first part, emphasizing the urgency of "sharing the word now."

Annie Vallotton of Paris, France, illustrator of Today's English Version of the New Testament, will present sketches of New Testament scenes as portions of the scripture are read.

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## Graham, HMB Speak Out On Tensions In Christian-Jewish 'Key 73' Relationships

MONTREAT, N. C. (RNS) — Evangelist Billy Graham has described the Gospel's method of evangelism as "persuasive invitation, not coercion," in a statement issued here to ease tensions that have arisen in Christian-Jewish relations over Key 73.

He declared that although the right of sharing a belief with others is "implicit in any belief," he frowns on proselytizing that "seeks to convert men against their will."

The evangelist also pointed out

apply to persons employed to teach religion as well as other subjects.

"A department of religion in a church-related college or university, if it holds a contract with the federal government for \$10,000 or more, may no longer discriminate in the hiring of its religion faculty on the basis of religion," Wood continued. The only exception

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Mrs. Jose Borras      Miss Marjean Patterson      Miss June Whitlow

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Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson

Messages by Owen Cooper, Miss June Whitlow, Jose Borras, Mrs. Joy Davis, Tommy Starkes, Other Missionaries

Begins Mar. 27, 9:30 a.m. — Closes Mar. 28, 3:00 p.m.

that in his evangelistic efforts, he has never singled out Jews or any other groups for special attention.

Full text of Mr. Graham's statement follows:

"The reports about a growing misunderstanding in Christian-Jewish relationships over Key 73 have become a source of concern to me. In order to help ease some of these tensions, I want to explain my own position.

"While I have not been directly involved in this situation, I have been

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# Wood Hits U.S. Religious Discrimination Guidelines

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ception would be a chaplain whose religious qualifications might be essential to the performance of his duties.

"Inevitably," Wood asserted, "the enforcement of such a policy requiring nondiscrimination in religion in the employment practices of church schools raises serious questions con-



**MC Students Visit Baptist Interests**

A group of students studying religious education at Mississippi College under direction of Dr. Norman O'Neal, head of the department, recently toured Baptist interests in the Jackson area as a part of the "in-service" training sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department, Dr. Foy Rogers, director. In the above photo taken in the Baptist Building, Dr. Rogers is seated at extreme right, with Dr. Rogers next to him. Therman V. Bryant, associate in the Cooperative Missions Department, directs the program.

## Graham, Home Board Speak

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volved in the developing organization of Key 73, I have from the beginning publicly supported its concept.

"First, as an evangelist, I am interested in establishing contact with all men concerning personal faith in Jesus Christ. Implicit in any belief is the right of sharing it with others. The message that God is love prompts any recipient of that love to declare it to others.

"Secondly, just as Judaism frowns on proselytizing that is coercive, or that seeks to commit men against their will, so do I. Gimmicks, coercion, and intimidation have had no place in my evangelistic efforts, certainly not in historic Biblical evangelism. The American genius is that without denying anyone an expression of their convictions all are nevertheless partners in our society. The Gospel's method is persuasive invitation, not coercion.

"Where any group has used an overbearing witness to seek conversions the Bible calls it 'zeal without knowledge.' I understand that it is the purpose of Key 73 to call all men to Christ without singling out any specific religious or ethnic group.

"Thirdly, along with most evangelical Christians, I believe God has always had a special relationship with the Jewish people as Saint Paul suggests in the Book of Romans. In my evangelistic efforts, I have never felt called to single out the Jews as Jews nor to single out any other particular group, cultural, ethnic, or religious.

"Lastly, it would be my hope that Key 73 and any other spiritual outreach program could initiate nationwide conversations which would raise the spiritual level of our people and promote mutual understanding."

### Starkes Answers

ATLANTA (BP) — As critic of Key 73 by the American Jews, mounts, Southern Baptist interfaith leader M. Thomas Starkes of Atlanta issued a statement saying at no place are Jews singled out as special targets of evangelism.

"Key 73 can be a process of learn-

### Gladys Hopewell - - -

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beaten and stabbed to death in their Dominican Republic home in July 1971.

In January 1972 Miss Mavis Pate was shot and killed in an ambush by Arab guerrillas in the Gaza Strip.

The pioneer of Baptist student work in Tainan, Miss Hopewell had directed since 1954 a student center located in the midst of the National Cheng-Kung University campus.

She taught English Conversation at the university as well as the center.

Many non-Christians enrolled in the center's classes for the opportunity to improve their English. Its program includes Sunday worship and special evangelistic programs.

Miss Hopewell had been at the center on the afternoon of her death.

Throughout history, man has been fascinated by snow. The word crystal comes from the ancient Greek, Kryos — icy cold, frost. Snow is a word of Anglo-Saxon derivation. In 1555, Archbishop Olaus Magnus of Uppsala, Sweden, discovered that all snowflakes are six-sided.

cerning the continued identity, integrity, and existence of religiously oriented schools as such.

"To take the position that denominational or religiously oriented schools may no longer discriminate on the basis of religion in the selection of their faculty is, in effect, to deny the right of such schools to preserve their religious character."

Wood charged that the department of labor policy on contract compliance is "seriously defective" because (1) "it is far too sweeping in its application" and (2) it fails to distinguish between schools that have federal contracts for services rendered and those institutions which are partially supported or subsidized by federal funds for the construction of buildings and the general operation of their school program.

"By no stretch of the imagination," Wood declared, should program involving contracts with the federal government for R.O.T.C., training of Peace Corps volunteers and similar services rendered to the government by the school "be viewed as aid to the school itself."

Wood concluded: "for the state to take the position that denominational or religiously oriented schools which have entered into a contract with a federal agency may no longer preserve their religious identity is a denial of a basic civil right in itself."

"It is to call into question the meaning and substance of the First Amendment, to limit the authority and power of government over religion. For the termination of religious discrimination in church schools inevitably will bring the elimination of the rights of church school to their religious identity."

In response to this report of the executive director, the Baptist Joint Committee voted to offer the services of its staff to any church-related Baptist institution to help clarify the

guidelines for Executive Order 11246. The committee also voted for its staff to express its deep concern to the highest governmental officials "about the unfairness of the guidelines, especially in regard to contracts that do not involve subsidies."

The Committee in an *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) brief asked the Supreme Court of the United States to rule that "tax credit for tuition paid to parents to nonpublic schools" is a violation of the establishment clause of the First Amendment of the Constitution.

The brief, prepared by the research department of the Baptist Joint Committee, was filed by Joseph B. Friedman, attorney for the committee, as *amicus curiae*.

John W. Baker is the associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee in charge of research services. Rosemary Brevard is his assistant.

The Baptist Joint Committee of which James E. Wood Jr. is executive

director, earlier authorized its staff to file *amicus briefs* on matters on which the committee has taken positions when they consider the subject to be of sufficient import.

### Agency Confronts Issues

The Committee instructed its staff to develop study papers and strategies on a number of key church-state issues, including the history of tax exemption on church properties and IRS regulations exempting ministerial housing allowances.

The Baptist executive and representatives from six national Baptist bodies in the United States asked further that the Washington staff develop a strategy for launching an intensive educational program regarding religion in public education.

The committee expressed concern that among their constituencies misunderstandings persist regarding Supreme Court decisions in 1963 and 1964 on state-supported prayer and Bible readings in public schools.

## JEWISH AGENCY HAS SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM GROUPS

NEW YORK (RNS) — The American Jewish Committee has issued a

statement on Christian evangelistic movements that includes suggestions for how Christians may prevent such efforts from leading to "tension and conflict."

In the official statement, which was ratified by the Committee's Board of Governors here, the Jewish organization called attention to the stated aim of Key 73, "to share with every person in North America more fully and more forcefully the claims and message of Jesus Christ."

It also noted that "there has been a marked increase in the efforts of those missionary groups which aim specifically at the conversion of Jews to Christianity."

The American Jewish Committee said that it "recognizes the inherent right of all religious communities to propagate their faith in our pluralist society." But it cautioned that "missionary approaches to Jews have frequently been based on a false, stereotyped and caricatured image of Judaism as an 'incomplete' or 'obsolete' religion that has been replaced by the 'new Israel' of Christianity. Such a

few is offensive to the dignity and honor of the Jewish people."

Since such evangelism efforts may "become a source of tension and conflict," the Jewish Committee said it offered some suggestions of how they might avoid those results.

The statement urged the groups taking part in Key 73 and similar efforts "to respect the convictions and feelings of Jews and to disavow specifically any intention to thus proselytize the Jewish community."

Particular care should be taken, the Committee said, "in the presentation of such themes as the Crucifixion and Jewish reaction to Jesus, so as not to contribute to the development of anti-Jewish attitudes in the Christian community."

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He is pastor of South Monmouth Baptist Chapel in Neptune, N. J., a part of the Metropolitan New York Association and the Baptist Convention of New York. They live about an hour south of New York City, at 14 Shorebrook Circle, Neptune, N. J. 07753.

## FMB Appointment Meet Set For Mobile

RICHMOND — For the first time in history, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will meet in Alabama. The Board has set a semi-annual meeting and appointment service for Mobile, April 9-11.

Two meetings of the Board will be open to the public — the appointment service Tuesday night, April 10, at Mobile Municipal Auditorium, and a Wednesday morning session at Dauphin Way Church.

In addition to the general public, some 250 Foreign Mission Board members, staff members, appointees and their wives are expected to attend the meetings.

Dr. Drew Gunnells, pastor of Spring Hill Church, Mobile, is chairman of the Planning Committee. Among those assisting are Dr. Rogers M. Smith, administrative associate to the executive secretary, FMB; Dr. Jaroy Weber, pastor of Dauphin Way Church, Mobile; Dr. J. R. White, pastor of First Baptist Church, Montgomery; Rev. Gerald Blackburn, director of missions, Mobile Association; and area and association WMU and Brotherhood leaders.

## Copiah Youth To Hear McKeever, Sound Sensations

Charles Rogers, Church Training director in Copiah Association announces that associational youth night will be observed March 17, at 7:15 p.m. at First Church, Hazlehurst.

Let the Whole World Know" is the theme of the meeting. In keeping with the Mississippi Baptist theme, "Live 73," the associational priority will be on evangelism.

The speaker will be Rev. Joe McKeever, minister of evangelism at First Church, Jackson. Music will be provided by the South Sensations from First Church, Brookhaven. This group of over 60 teenage boys and girls is directed by Billy Souther minister of music at Brookhaven.

All of the Baptist churches in Copiah County are invited to bring their young people to this meeting.

## Mrs. Gaines Dobbins, Wife Of Convention Educator, Dies

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — Mrs. Gaines S. Dobbins, wife of one of Southern Baptists' most prominent religious educators, died here at age 86. She had been confined to a nursing home for several years.

Funeral services were held March 3, with burial in Birmingham. Survivors include a son, Austin Dobbins of Samford University, Birmingham; a sister, Mrs. Sim Salter of Hazelhurst, Miss.; and her husband, who for many years taught at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

There are very few souls saved after the first twenty minutes of a sermon.

## Parkway's "Impact"

### Into Seventh Week

#### On WJTV-TV

Parkway Church, Jackson, is entering the seventh week of telecasting special programs designed to share the impact of the Spirit of Christ with Mississippians.

The program has an easy flow and informal type format which has been designed and weekly reshaped by the church's minister of education and church administrator, Winford L. Hendrix.

Each week Dr. Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway, shares an informal message which follows various musical presentations and interviews with different personalities.

Lonn Stewart, minister of music at the church, is a regular participant on the program with Dr. Causey and Mr. Hendrix.

The weekly program is normally telecast at 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon on channel 12, Jackson.

Bryant Cummings, director, Sunday School Department, Miss. Baptist Convention Board, will be interviewed March 18, and Dr. David Grant, current president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will be interviewed by Mr. Hendrix on the program scheduled for April 1.

## Mrs. Duane Ivey, Son Recovering From Accident In N. J.

Rev. and Mrs. Duane Ivey, former Mississippians, are serving as home missionaries in New Jersey. They moved there last October from Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

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## Dr. Hand To Enter New Type Ministry

Dr. Othell Hand has announced plans to conclude his pastorate at First Church, Columbus, Ga., and assume a "ministry to the marketplace" as inspirational speaker for the American Family Life Assurance Company.

Throughout the day, hospital personnel will be on hand to give information to the public regarding their respective job duties and responsibilities.

"Young people are especially invited to be with us on this day," said hospital administrator Paul J. Pryor. "What they learn on March 20 may help them plan their future."

Today's hospital, said Pryor, may have as many as 200 different job classifications, including maintenance personnel, housekeepers, secretaries, clerks, book-keepers and telephone operators.

"A hospital," said Pryor, "is almost a miniature city in itself. And, like a town or city, it never closes. It must have enough personnel to provide services 24 hours a day."

Hospital jobs, said Pryor, include dietitian, engineer, physical therapist, occupational therapist, medical record librarian, pharmacist, technicians and many others.

Volunteer workers in a hospital, said Pryor, include auxiliary members, teen-age "Candy Striper," clergymen and others helping bring comfort and cheer to patients.

"These are some of the jobs," said Pryor, "that people may not think about — jobs other than nurses and orderlies and nurses' aides and physicians we usually visualize in hospitals."

A general session will be held in the hospital cafeteria on March 20 between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; visitors will be welcome at any time during the day.

Dr. Hand has been repeatedly honored by the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge for "addresses judged to have made an outstanding contribution to the American way of life."

He and his wife, Martha, are the parents of two sons, Kerry, 20, and Mark, 16.

# SBC Mission Gifts Continue To Increase

NASHVILLE (BP) — Contributions to world missions through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget continued to climb, with a 16.75 per cent increase during the month of February.

During the first five months of the fiscal year, October through February, gifts through the Cooperative Program had reached \$14,153,106, an increase for the year of almost \$1.2 million, or 9.24 per cent.

A six per cent increase is necessary to meet the convention's budget for the year, SBC officials said.

In addition to the \$14.1 million in

Cooperative Program gifts, a correspondingly big increase in designated giving to specific mission causes was noted in the report, prepared by the SBC Executive Committee here.

A total of \$15,135,157 has been given to designated mission causes, primarily home and foreign missions, so far during the fiscal year. It is an increase of \$1.7 million or 12.83 per cent, for the year.

Grant total mission gifts (Cooperative Program and designations combined) climbed to \$29,288,263, an increase of \$2.9 million or 11.07 per cent.

Big increases have been reported for the last three months. December and January were record months of Cooperative Program giving, with an all-time high of more than \$3 million contributed through the Cooperative Program in January.

In February, Cooperative Program gifts were just short of the \$3 million mark, with \$2.9 million given through the denomination's unified budget that is similar to the United Givers Fund approach.

Designations were also up in February, when \$9 million was reported for specific mission causes, most of

it through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. February, always a heavy month for designated gifts, noted a \$1.4 million of 19.07 per cent increase.

For the month of February, a grand total of almost \$12 million (\$11,998,691) was given through the Cooperative Program and special designated offerings, an increase of \$1.8 million or 18.5 per cent over February gifts of 1972.

The financial report reflects only contributions to world and nation-wide SBC mission causes, and does not include amounts given to support local and state missions.

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## Faith Church Is Constituted, Calls Townsend

Faith Mission in Rankin County was constituted as Faith Church on Sunday, February 18, at 2:30 p.m., with 17 members.

The congregation voted to give 10 per cent of their budget income to the Cooperative Program and three per cent to associational missions. They called Rev. Claude Townsend of Florence as their first pastor. Mr. Townsend is a former president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Special speaker for the afternoon service was Dr. Foy Rogers, director, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Others on the program included Frank Stiedle, Rev. Shalley Vaughn, Rev. J. C. Renfroe (Rankin County superintendent of missions), Rev. Larry Hendricks, Jimmy Bilbo, and Rev. Howard Benton, (associational moderator).

Charter members may join through May 1, 1973.

## Counseling Seminar For Pastors Planned At Carey April 5-6

A Practical Counseling Seminar for pastors is being planned for April 5-6 on the William Carey College campus. The two-day program will include featured guest counseling specialist, Dr. Jay E. Adams of Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.

Registration will take place at 10:30 a.m. on April 5, and sessions will continue until 8 p.m. on April 6. The conference fee is \$12.00 which will include all costs of reservation, room and board on campus. The deadline for registration is March 31 and a limited number of 47 conferees can be accepted.

Sponsored by the William Carey College Alumni Association, the committee is composed of Dr. Don Stewart, Rev. Nathan Barber, and Rev. Bill Mitchell.

Other special guests who will lead seminars and dialogues during the two-day meet include Dr. Duane Burgess, psychiatrist; Dr. John Alcorn, Counseling Department, USM; Dr. Graham Hales, chaplain USM; Ethan Moore, owner and president of Moore Funeral Home; Dr. Glen Pearson, physician; Dr. B. F. Smith, counselor; and Dr. Brooks West, pastor.

## Archaeologist And Astronaut On TV March 18

Genesis chapter 1, verse 1 — "In the Beginning God created the heavens and the earth" — will be the topic of conversation on "The Southern Baptist Hour" Sunday, March 18 (2:30 p.m. NYT, in color), on the NBC Television Network.

Discussing the subject, and explaining how their own personal involvements in the fields of archaeological finds and space exploration have increased their religious experience and deepened their spiritual life are Ernest Wright, archaeologist and Parkman Professor of Divinity at Harvard University, and Apollo 15 astronaut Colonel James B. Irwin. NBC News London correspondent Jack Paxton will conduct the discussion.

"In the Beginning," a Public Affairs presentation of NBC News, is produced by the Television Religious Programs Unit of NBC News in association with the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.



Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Christian Action Commission, (at extreme right), observes the workers as they assemble materials for what is believed to be the largest mailing in the history of the Building.

## A Letter From Home

By Bob Hastings  
In The Illinois Baptist

"I grew up in the hill country of Mississippi," Lacey C. Brooks told me in his office one day. "Dad raised cotton on our 60-acre farm in a little community known as Cash, near Lena, Miss. We sold some cotton for as little as .08 and .09 a pound during the Depression. Since that was our main cash crop you can see how little we realized from a 5 or 6 bale yield."

I had gone over to Holiday Inn East in Springfield, where Lacey has been innkeeper since 1966, to pick up a few more details on a testimony he had given earlier.

Lacey is a member of the 1st Baptist Church in Springfield, which has just subscribed \$115,000 in 3-year building pledges. At their loyalty dinner in the Sheraton Inn, Lacey had announced his own pledge and described the circumstances that led to it.

What led to his commitment was what happened one Sunday in the little Cash Baptist Church down in Mississippi. Lacey's Dad, W. S. Brooks, had finished teaching the one class of about 10 pupils which met out under a shade tree. The little church had no pastor, and the year was 1933.

"Dad only finished the 2nd grade," Lacey reminisced, "but he could talk to anyone on any subject. He was self-educated, and most of what he knew was the result of a life-long study of the Bible. If he had had my advantages, there's no telling what he might have done."

Anyway, Mr. Brooks called the little congregation to order and said he felt the time had come for them to have a preacher, even though they saw no way to pay for one. He asked for volunteers to canvass the community, and try for a big crowd the next Sunday.

"Although you could send a letter for only three cents, we didn't even have postage for a mailing," Lacey recalled. "So five of us boys volunteered. The next Saturday afternoon we started out on our horses, bareback, stopping at every house. Sure enough, the next day, about 60 or 70 people turned out."

"I can still remember what Dad said that Sunday," Lacey told me. "He said we can't stand by and rear our children with no spiritual leadership. We've got to dig down in our pockets so we can hire a preacher. You can pledge molasses, pecans, sweet potatoes, anything you want."

Then, one by one, the congregation filed by to shake hands with Lacey's father. Some made definite pledges. Others said they would "do what they could."

In a few days, Mr. Brooks and another member drove 50 miles in a buggy to Clarke College, a Baptist school, where they found a student preacher by the name of Gooch. "I don't remember his first name," Lacey said, "but I do know he had a big family and was struggling to get by. Anyway, he came once a month, and we soon had four S.S. classes instead of one. He would ride the bus on Saturday as far as the town of Forest, where someone met him in a buggy to bring him the other 20 miles."

Today, there is a brick church at Cash, and across the road stands a modern pastorage. A minister gives fulltime to the work. It is a long way from that day in 1933 when they couldn't even afford 3 cents stamps to write their members.

"Mom and Dad are buried at Cash," Lacey concluded, "and I've got me a lot reserved there too."

Lacey's cousin, Rev. H. A. Milner, has for 29 years served the Van Winkle Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss. He and Lacey grew up together in Cash, where Milner got his inspiration for the ministry from Lacey's Dad.

As Lacey recalled what a handful of God's people did down in central Mississippi back in 1933, he got an inspiration of what the First Baptist Church of Springfield can do in 1973.

And when a congregation oversubscribes its goal (\$115,000 on a \$90,000 objective), using local leadership, with no outside "professional" help, that congregation is saying something. It is saying there are a lot of Lacey Brooks still around, who are willing to invest in today because of the ideals instilled in them yesterday.

## St. Louis To Host RA Congress

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Most of the 7,000 to 10,000 teens expected in St. Louis will have a chance for some mission involvement at the Congress. A "I Have a Mission" march through downtown St. Louis will kick off CARE and SHARE afternoon with Pioneer Royal Ambassadors helping meet physical and spiritual needs of people in the St. Louis area.

Coordinated by the St. Louis Baptist Mission Board, the "Care and Share" afternoon will serve as a model program of mission action for Royal Ambassador chapters across the convention.

Along with the missions learning experiences and personal involvement in mission action projects, the Congress will offer several fun activities — including RA Night at a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game, an afternoon at Six Flags Over Mid-America, and sight-seeing.

Congress participants will set in a special reserved section at the Cards vs. Houston Astros baseball game Monday night, August 13. Pregame

activities will honor Royal Ambassadors and a Royal Ambassador representative will throw out the first ball of the game.

Reserved tickets for the game are \$3.00 each and can be purchased from state Brotherhood offices or from "National Congress Tickets," Baptist Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38104.

Special discount tickets of \$5.55

## Baptist Hymnal To Be Revised By The BSSB

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day meeting to begin work on the revision.

William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department of the Sunday School Board, will serve as chairman of the hymnal committee and general editor of the hymnal to be released March 15, 1975. Revision of the widely accepted hymnal will be made under the guidance of the Sunday School Board's church music department with the assistance of the hymnal committee.

"It is reasonable to expect," Reynolds explained, "that this revision will be used for the last quarter of the 20th Century. New songs coming into popular usage and a changing, dynamic church music scene prompted us to begin work to provide a hymnal that would sing us into the 21st century.

Suggestions and recommendations concerning titles to be deleted and titles to be added in this revision will be most welcome, Reynolds said.

The 65-member hymnal committee includes 16 state music secretaries, six pastors, 13 ministers of music for SBC churches, nine faculty members from Baptist colleges and seminaries, 11 staff members and executives from the Sunday School Board, three evangelistic singers, two representatives from other SBC agencies, a state paper editor, a minister of education, an organist, soloist and ensemble member.

Mississippi committee members are Larry Black, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Jackson, and Dan C. Hall, music director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson.

### Nicholson, First, To Hear "The Crownsmen"

On Saturday night, March 17, a singing group, "The Crownsmen," will travel from their McComb homes to deliver a message of love through song at First Church, Nicholson. A period of fellowship is planned for the McComb and Nicholson young people following the presentation.

On Sunday night, March 18, for the evening service, the Nicholson church's folk group, "The Carpenter's Tool," will present music and prayer.

each are available for RA Day at Six Flags Over Mid-America scheduled for Thursday, August 14 from

Registration fee for the Congress is \$5.00 per person. More information and registration forms are available from state Brotherhood offices or from Fifth National Royal Ambassador Congress, Baptist Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38104.

Special discount tickets of \$5.55

## New Family Life Series Tracts Mailed

ned Parenthood, Relatives, Religion in the Home, Working Wives and Mothers.

The titles for Christian Life Styles for Youth are: "What's Fun, Fantastic, and Christian?" (about dating), "The Care and Feeding of Parents, Good News About Sex, Fight Moral Pollution: Have Character, Please Keep Off The Grass... And H... And LSD... and... Marriage and What Your Mother Never Told You About It.

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the commission, joined in writing, evaluation, and the final editing processes, and the commission financed Mississippi's part of the production.

Some members of the commission participated in evaluation and critical reading. Before they were put in final form, the tracts were evaluated by groups in one hundred Southern Baptist churches.

"We believe they will be just as helpful and as enduring as their predecessors," Dr. Hensley stated. He



Yugoslav Church Demolished

Yugoslav Baptist Union President Josef Horak views the rubble left behind as demolition begins on Belgrade Baptist Church. The church is in the way of an urban renewal project and will be replaced by a state-owned building. In mid-January the congregation was told to vacate the building by the end of the month. Authorities then sent a demolition team to tear out windows and doors and carry away furnishings. The church has been offered a maximum of \$50,000 compensation. It is doubtful they will be given a new building or lot on which to build; it is reported that no building permits for churches have been granted in Belgrade since World War II. Members plan to meet in their partially demolished building as long as possible, then they may meet in small numbers in one another's homes.

## The Convention President Speaks

Over the years, it has been my privilege to observe the work of our Home Mission Board in a firsthand way. I have been given the opportunity of preaching in a number of the pioneer areas, such as California, Montana, Arizona, Indiana, Ohio and Alaska. Our church has helped support a number of struggling churches in such areas as Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Montana, and California, and I have been in direct contact with these churches. We have one of the more effective works in Jackson known as the Hart Center, and it has been my joy to observe this work so ably administered and far-reaching in its ministry. While living in the Mississippi Delta, I observed the work with some language-speaking groups.

Then on March 2, it was my honor as your convention president, to attend the Georgia Governor's Prayer Breakfast. This was an unusual experience in that it was a special emphasis on home missions.

Our young people have been involved in going into these areas of mission work as summer missionaries under appointment, as choir groups, and some just sent out by the church. Therefore, I believe I am fairly acquainted with home missions as it is done under the Home Mission Board. I am convinced it is a great work that needs much support. We need to support it with our prayers. We need to go as laymen and pastors and render help. But at this moment, we are looking forward to financial support. Please give liberally. Promote it generously in your church. Let's do something big for God in this area. — David Grant

sonal testimonies in their own church. Rev. Jerry W. Stevens is pastor of First, Nicholson.

## The BR In 1938: Worth Three Gallons Syrup

Rev. Eugene H. Dobbs, pastor of McLaurin Heights Church, Jackson, has found in the files of his late father, Wiley Dobbs, a letter from Dr. A. L. Goodrich, written in 1938. He has shared the letter with the Baptist Record.

Dr. Goodrich, editor of the Baptist Record from 1942 until the time of his death in 1956, was the sixth of the eight men who have edited the paper. Before becoming editor, he was circulation manager of the Record while Dr. P. I. Lipsey was editor and Dr. R. B. Gunter was corresponding secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

As circulation manager, he did a job that has not been paralleled. With letters and advertising and word-of-mouth boosting, with hard work, with original and innovative gimmicks, in his own unmatched way, he was the person largely responsible for the Baptist Record's climb in circulation from 4,001 in 1935 to 89,227 at the time of his death. (The present circulation is over 112,000).

In fact, it was Dr. Goodrich

who invented

the idea of the Every Family Plan, now widely used by many state papers.

The following is the letter written to Wiley Dobbs at Mathison, Ms., on September 13, 1938:

Dear Mr. Dobbs:

"We have your letter enclosing check for \$10.95 and also your instructions to discontinue sending the Record to Fellowship Baptist Church. We have done as requested, but I am writing to ask if you people won't reconsider, as The Baptist Record is a help to any church. As you will see, you now owe only \$4.55. I am afraid the reason you are dropping the Record is that you have let the bill run up. Paid by the month it amounts to only \$3.08, and as you know we have not bothered you. In fact, if you were to run over a month or two it is all right with us and we shall be glad to accept syrup at the rate of three gallons for one year's subscription. The syrup to be delivered to your pastor, then he is to notify us where it is, and I will pick it up the first time I am up that way in the car. I should be glad to have your church take this matter up and we would be glad to receive your letter instructing us to reinstate all of your names."

Cordially,

A. L. Goodrich

Circulation Manager"

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## EDITORIAL

### A Great Southern Baptist Service Agency

Southern Baptists have an outstanding agency which is dedicated simply to the service of the denomination, the churches, and to the pastors, other church staff and agency employees.

This agency is called the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

It serves the denomination.

It serves the churches.

It serves pastors and other church employees.

It serves the denominational agencies, and their employees.

It serves every Southern Baptist as it carries on for them a ministry for which each Baptist should feel a responsibility.

Southern Baptist state paper editors were guests of the Annuity Board for a two day briefing session in Biloxi, in mid-February. The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the editors with the ministry of the Board and its program of work now and as it looks to the future.

President Darrell H. Morgan, Public Relations Director John Bloskas, and a number of other members of the Board staff were present to tell of the Board's work, and to answer questions which were raised. W. R. Roberts, Mississippi representative of the Annuity Board, also participated in the presentation.

The Annuity Board was established in 1917. It was born out of the heart of some Baptist leaders who saw that the convention must do something to make provision for care of its aged ministers. Dr. William Lunsford of Nashville, speaking to the Nashville Baptist Pastor's Conference in the fall of 1916, started the movement, which came to fruition in a vote of the Sunday School Board to give the convention \$100,000 for the launching of a ministry for the care of aged ministers, and the establishment of such a board (first called Commission) by the 1917 convention. The actual organization was not until a year later in July, 1918, for it took many months of study and preparation for the ministry to begin. The first corresponding secretary was Dr. William Lunsford, in whose heart the plan had been conceived.

In the beginning the work largely

in the area of relief for needy aged preachers, but annuity plans soon were developed, so that preachers, churches and state conventions, all could participate in providing annuity pensions for men when they retired.

The beginning grants were small for the funds were limited, and in 1920 about 500 relief beneficiaries received a total of \$52,217. By 1924 this had reached 1,000 beneficiaries with grants totaling more than \$125,000. Annuity pensions began with one annuitant in

1920, receiving \$15.00. This grew to 22 annuitants in 1924 receiving over \$6,000. From this small beginning the Board has grown to the mighty institution it is today.

In the 1972 report of the Church Pensions Conference it is shown that there are now nearly 36,000 individuals enrolled in the Board's plans, and that over \$10,000,000 in benefits were paid in the previous year.

Today the Annuity Board has assets of more than \$336,000,000, but the suggestion that this makes it a wealthy agency is entirely erroneous. Every dollar of the Board's funds is a trust fund, belonging to the churches and those preachers and other church and denominational workers, who expect it to provide retirement income for them in the future.

Through the years the Board has developed various plans, and improved them through experience and study, until it is felt that today no denomination provides better plans for so many people. Some denominations use mission funds for the financing of their minister's annuity program, and one major denomination uses the profits from its publishing house to fund the ministers annuity board. Southern Baptists have not chosen such methods, but rather have set up plans, whereby the churches, the employees and the states work together in funding the programs. No SBC Cooperative Program money goes to the board, except some which is used only for the relief program.

Thousands of annuitants already are receiving regular pensions from the board, while many thousands more are in the plans, to begin receiving the funds at retirement time, or when other eligibility situations arise. Protection is provided for permanent disability, death benefits for widows and children, etc. Every effort has been made to enlarge and improve these benefit plans, to meet the demands of this inflationary period, but costs of doing this is so great that the board has been unable to do all that some would like to see. Careful study reveals, however, that the board is being most generous in view of the funds it has available.

The Annuity Board program is financially sound in every way, and all of its promised annuities are funded. This means that the funds already are in view to pay every dollar of every annuity.

Present plans make it possible for churches and the employees to work together, in setting aside funds to purchase every satisfactory retirement for the recipients. This is done by starting at an early age of the employee so that there is plenty of time to build

the fund, and by enlarging participation in the plans, going well beyond the basic payment on the first \$4,000 of the salary. The church and employee who use only this basic amount will not create the type of annuity that can be built if payments are made on a large part of, or even the entire salary. Many churches now are doing the latter, and their employees will have a much more adequate income when the day of need comes.

The Board also works with insurance companies in providing insurance group plans. The Board cannot personally fund such plans, but simply works with an insurance company in providing them. Since ministers and others joining the plan, enter on a volunteer basis, and not as a true "group" where every employee of an agency or group is required to participate, there have been some problems concerning costs, but these now have been worked out as satisfactorily as possible, and it is probable that the plans now being offered to ministers and church employees are as good or even better than they can buy anywhere else.

Southern Baptists have every reason to thank God for the Annuity Board. It is under the direction of competent, dedicated Christian men who continually strive to do well the task assigned to them by the Convention. It offers a way for every church to provide for the future of its employees, and to protect itself so that it will not have a direct responsibility for caring for its pastor and other employees when they no longer can serve, or for the disabled minister or his family. Through the board they can share with the denomination in caring for these needs.

Tragically, many pastors and other employees have failed to see the need for allowing their churches to provide this protection for them, and so do not have coverage for themselves and their families. It is our conviction that churches would do well to insist that every employee participate in the plans, thus providing protection both for the employee and his family, and also for the church itself. A church is placed in a rather embarrassing position when its pastor becomes permanently disabled, dies and leaves a widow, or reaches retirement without any means of support. Through the Annuity Board all Southern Baptist churches can protect themselves from such exigencies.

We would suggest that church members read the following Guest Editorial addressed to deacons, and then follow its suggestion about getting information on how to have this protection for your church and its employees. It is a move which you never will regret. Southern Baptists, through the Annuity Board, make it possible for you.

#### Guest Editorial

### A Message To Deacons

(From a tract released by the Annuity Board)

"Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel?" — I Cor. 9:14. How long shall they live of the gospel? While active only, or all of their lives?

What would your church do if your pastor, minister of education, or minister of music became disabled today? Or, how would you respond to his family's needs if he were to die suddenly? What provision have you made for his care in old age? The church does have an obligation. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Think seriously of what would happen to your church if any of these workers should die while serving your church. Remember, these things — old age, disability, or death — are certain to happen in some church — possibly yours. It is easy many times for a church to develop a casual acceptance of this risk rather than to plan and anticipate these eventualities.

Brother Deacon, because of your position and place of leadership, you have a great opportunity to guide your church in paths that will assure your pastor and staff that they are loved and appreciated and at the same time protect your church against unforeseen liability. This can be done by use of the plans available in the retirement and insurance programs of the Annuity Board. Perhaps your church is already actively participating in these programs; if so, you may need to make sure benefits are adequate to meet today's living needs.

The Annuity Board has two broad areas of service — the Southern Baptist Protection Program and the Group Insurance Program. These programs are adaptable to cover every employee of the church from the pastor to the janitor.

The Southern Baptist Protection Program is composed of three plans, designated A, B, and C. Plan A is the basic group pension plan for pastors, associate pastors, ministers of education and music, etc. (broadly speaking, the professional staff). This provides benefits for age and disability retirement, bene-

fits for widows (or dependent parents) and children, plus an educational benefit for posthighschool education.

Plans B and C are supplemental plans to provide additional benefits to assure that ultimate retirement benefits are adequate to meet the inflated costs of the years ahead.

Plan B is a cash accumulation type plan with growth by the addition of interest; currently 6% per annum compounded monthly. Plan C is a variable plan invested entirely in common stocks with growth dependent on performance of the stocks held in the fund. It is similar to a mutual fund investment.

Other staff members — secretaries, church school employees, maids, custodians, etc. — participate in Plan B as a basic plan and may use Plan C as a supplemental plan.

Your church should pay dues of 10% of total compensation (cash salary, housing allowance or estimated rental value of pastorum, utilities, and any other benefits). Less than this will not be adequate to meet growing retirement needs. The first \$33.34 per month will be deposited in Plan A for the professional staff, and will be matched with dues of one-half of this amount by your state convention. Dues in excess of \$33.34 will be deposited in Plans B or C, according to the individual's election to assure adequate benefits.

Individual employees may contribute additional funds to these supplemental plans if they so desire in order to build larger benefits. However, it is strongly recommended that the employer (church) contribute the basic 10% of total compensation.

The second area of service is the GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM and includes three plans...Life, Long Term Disability and Health Insurance...with the option of including family dependents in the coverage.

One of the largest underwriters of group insurance, Aetna Life Insurance Company, is the carrier and provides nationwide service in the handling of claims through 100 offices. If there is employment termination with the denomination after having been insured for at least three months, the staff member may convert his coverage to

an individual life or health insurance plan. Provision is made for continuation of reduced benefits upon retirement or attainment of age 65 in life and health benefit plan. This Group Insurance Program meets a vital need...and your church will surely want your paid staff to be covered through it!

Write today to W. R. Roberts, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205, for full information concerning any or all Annuity Board plans. You will receive the specifics for the individual personalized program possibilities. Talk it over with those who are involved and concerned and then take action so this provision of care will be a regular part of your church's policy.

#### NEWEST BOOKS

**THE MIRACLE OF LOVE** by Charles L. Allen (Fleming Revell, 126 pp., \$3.95) Using thirty-one different versions of the Bible, Dr. Allen explores the mystery of love as it is so beautifully described in the moving passage of I Corinthians 13.

**MIRACLES IN MY LIFE** by Rex Hubbard (Fleming H. Revell, paper, 128 pp., 95c) The amazing true story of America's top TV evangelist "who brings Christ with a smile."

**SCRIPTURE-BASED CROSSWORD PUZZLES** by Gretchen Whitlow (Baker, paper, \$1.50) These Scripture-based puzzles necessitate repeated use of the Bible, and so will be constructive as well as enjoyable.

**PREACHER AFLAME!** by Donald E. Demaray (Baker, paper, \$7 pp., \$1.25) This is an exciting book about preaching; it will motivate and inspire ministers and those who aspire to the ministry. It includes a series of lectures delivered to an evangelical ministers' retreat held in Banff, Alberta, Canada.

**FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD** by F. B. Meyer (Baker, paper, 95c, 127 pp.) A reprint of Meyer's life and gives challenges from the author to readers to present themselves to God and look to Him for all their needs.



### Stepping In - Invited Or Not

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

##### Dry Creek Protests

##### X-Rated Movies On TV

Dr. Frank Stanton  
Columbia Broadcasting Network  
51 West 52nd Street  
New York, New York 10010

Dear Sir:

As members of the Dry Creek Baptist Church we wish to protest the decision of the Columbia Broadcasting Network to show "X-Rated" movies.

We strongly feel that such will be a detriment to the moral fiber of our homes. Now that television is the center of attraction in almost every home one can hardly escape the damaging effects of such programming.

We raise the question, "Why not give people something that will build character rather than destroy?"

Please consider the fact that as long as people are strong morally they are better prepared to face many of the greater problems of life.

We urge you to do all that is within your power to stop any such action that might be taken in regard to this decision.

The membership of  
Dry Creek Baptist Church  
Rev. Marion W. Gray, Pastor  
Route 1  
Florence, Miss.

##### On The MORAL SCENE...

WASHINGTON—President Nixon raised and spent more money in his re-election race than any other candidate in history, official filings show. At least \$35.2 million passed through the finance committee to re-elect the President, according to its summary report, and reports of other fund-raising arms are expected to push the final Nixon total past \$50 million. Nixon himself set the previous spending record at \$35 million in 1968. Senator George McGovern's campaign against President Nixon raised \$22.8 million, a record figure for Democratic nominees, and came close to matching his expenses, according to the official year-end report of "McGovern for President, Inc." (The Tennessean, Friday, February 2, 1973)

The first thing America must learn in its fight against crime is that prisons are not the answer. Ramsey Clark, general attorney general told a Davidson College audience recently. Ramsey Clark, who served as attorney general under the late President Lyndon B. Johnson, said American criminal rehabilitation experts must realize that, "You don't confine except as a last resort." "I spent a week in Sweden at the invitation of the Swedish government studying their corrections system," he said. "They don't confine except as a last resort. They may take an offender through as many as four offenses working with him, before they will put him in confinement." One answer to the problem might be to keep offenders in their home communities and help them deal with the problems which cause them to commit crimes, Clark said. He quoted a California study where juvenile offenders were divided into three groups. One group was confined in institutions, one was sent to mountain forest camps to work and the other was kept in its home community. The group which was kept at home had the smallest percentage of repeaters. By keeping them in the communities, he said the juveniles were helped to deal with the problems which had caused them to commit crimes. (Charlotte News, January 23, 1973)

The spiritual potential of the human personality can be realized.



A Woman's World Reaches Far  
**Beyond the Ironing Board**  
Wilde Fancher

Easter time will be rolling around before we know it. All the things that make people excited about Easter will begin to happen. Grossly paraffined chocolate rabbits and eggs, woven baskets, fuzzy bunnies, and other Easter commodities are already falling all over us when we go into stores; they will be bought and dispensed according to family custom. Greeting cards will be bought and mailed. Gifts of jewelry, candy, perfume, and flowers will find their ways to happy receivers.

Mothers will shop and sew. Fathers will shop now and pay later. New shoes, stockings, purses, dresses, suits, ties, shirts, gloves, coats will find themselves ready and waiting to be worn on the happy day.

Churches are working on music for Easter, small choirs to majestic chorales. Dramas will move audiences as they watch the events of Easter dramatized. Pastors are shining up last year's Easter sermon or working on a new one.

Schools have holidays planned — all kinds of things point toward Easter.

But a special thing I'm looking forward to about Easter is such a simple thing that you may smile when you read it. It takes very little effort on anyone's part. It originally was just a thought someone had and followed through on. Some time during the Easter season last year I came out into the choir for a worship service, and as I glanced around, I saw that there was a cross in each window, formed very simply and beautifully by opening certain shutters and leaving the rest closed. Few symbols have pleased my heart the way those crosses of open shutters did. I punched the lady next to me and said, "Look at the crosses." She said, "They've been that way before today." I was sorry for every Sunday I had missed and enjoyed every remaining day with the crosses.

I look forward to Easter for many reasons. It is my favorite Christian celebration. The cross Jesus knew in the fullness of death was a simple one. Nobody sanded its splinters away or smoothed its grain against His back. My worship of God will be sweet and strengthening, as the walls of crosses in my church remind me that because of Easter there is no wooden cross for me.

The budget for the Division of Education within HEW totals \$5.2 billion, a reduction of \$208 million from this year's estimate. Higher education's share of the total amount to \$1.8 billion.

Money is something you can't take with you after you die, neither can you keep it while you are alive.

Hate is a treacherous acid which can not be poured without spilling on the raw heart that held it.

There is nothing more terrifying than ignorance in action.

An onion is the only thing that will make a cynic shed tears.

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# A Look At Baptist Work In Israel

## An Editorial Report

The Christian who makes a pilgrimage to Israel usually is interested not only in seeing the historic Bible shrines, but also in what is being done in the land today by modern Christian groups. Most Baptist tourists certainly will go with an interest in the present-day Baptist witness in the land.

If the American tourist goes to Biblical lands with the idea that he may see pretentious buildings on important street corners, as he sees in so much of America, he will be disappointed. Indeed, there are not many places in the world where he will see a profusion of Baptist and other evangelical church buildings, as he sees in most areas at home.

He will find, however, that Christian groups have been in the Bible lands through the centuries, and have left the mark of their presence largely through cathedrals and shrines at the holy places. Roman, Greek, Armenian and Coptic Christian groups have built these shrines, and have maintained some type of work in the land through the centuries, and at least some people espousing their beliefs are found. There is little evidence that their influence has been widespread in reaching large numbers of people. Roman Catholics evidently have been more active than most of the others. An example of their activity in the present century is the magnificent new cathedral which they have erected in Nazareth. This is one of the most beautiful modern cathedrals to be found anywhere.

Other Christian groups also have been active in these present times, and one finds work of the Anglican or Episcopalian group, Presbyterian and other denominations, with churches, orphanages and other evangelical activity in the land. It must be remembered, however, that this nation now is a Jewish nation, and not many Jews have been receptive to the Christian faith. As a result, Christian progress or advance has not been rapid.

## Religious Freedom

The government of Israel guarantees religious freedom for all, and has carefully guarded the rights of various Christian groups to maintain their cathedrals, shrines and other institutions, and has allowed freedom in relation to them. At the same time the nation has not looked with too much favor on the activities of those who appeared to be seeking to proselytize Jewish people. The result is that most of the Christians in the land, who have not come from other nations, are Arabs who have been converted from their Islam religion to Christianity.

## Baptist Work

In a brief history of Baptist work in Israel found in a small folder on Baptist work written by Missionary Dr. Robert L. Lindsey of Jerusalem are the following statements: "A baptist work was begun in the Middle East in the second part of this century by two gifted Arab pastors who had found Christ in Baptist services in the United States. In 1923 Southern Baptists sent two couples to help in the work. Of these, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts, later to be associated for many years with the Baptist Seminary in New Orleans, remained for five years laying the foundation for much of the evangelism and church development achieved during the past fifty years."

The Baptist Chapel in Jerusalem was established in 1925 and adjoining

property was acquired shortly thereafter. On this property is the "Baptist House" which serves as a center for congregational activities, and headquarters for the Israel Mission.

About 1929 the present building of the Nazareth Baptist Church was completed. Through the years a splendid school has been developed here, and today this is the largest Baptist church and school in Israel.

## Recent Growth

Dr. Lindsey says "After World War II the work was greatly strengthened with the coming of many young pastors and teachers. With the emergence of the State of Israel, Southern Baptist representation in western Palestine became a separate organization. Jerusalem was for nearly twenty years a divided city with the result that Jordanian Baptist leaders began the present Baptist work in East Jerusalem while Israel leadership continued the older center and congregational work in West Jerusalem. Thus, there were two Baptist congregations related to Southern Baptist sponsorship, one in the western part of the city, and one in the eastern part."

"Churches in the area of Tel Aviv, Haifa and Nazareth were established during the 1960's and the older congregation in Nazareth, begun during World War I, (with property acquired by Southern Baptists later), was

strengthened with the establishment of the large Baptist elementary and secondary schools next to the sanctuary used by the church. The work in Nazareth has proved to be seedbed of a number of Arab village centers established within the past fifteen years."

## Baptist Hospital

In the city of Gaza is located the Baptist Hospital. This is in occupied territory so is not officially related to the Israel Baptist mission. Here there are three to five missionary medical couples, and another four to six single nurses. Journeymen (young missionaries sent for two year terms) also serve here. These workers labor in the ministry in the name of Christ to many hundreds of people in the territory called the Gaza Strip. A church in connection with the hospital was begun several years ago and continues an effective ministry among young people.

A new ministry in Jerusalem is the Jerusalem House. This is property which has been purchased, and has been developed as a student center, for ministry to the many students in Jerusalem. There also is a book store in Jerusalem, in the area formerly called East Jerusalem.

A ministry of special interest is the book house and Art Gallery in Tel Aviv, right in the heart of the largest all-Jewish city in the world. Not far

from Tel Aviv, at Petah Tiqva is the Baptist Village, the center of camping and conferences for the convention. Here many people young and old come each year for Bible conferences, youth camps, etc. Formerly an orphanage was housed here but this was closed several years ago.

At the present time there usually are fifteen to eighteen couples and between six and eight single persons in the Israel Mission and in the work in the Gaza strip. In Israel proper there are at the present time two journeymen and fourteen couples helping in schools, bookstores, congregations, camps, and in student and publication centers. There are seven churches and ten mission stations, with 241 church members and 800 persons enrolled in Sunday school. There are three book stores (with two other centers where books are sold) four publications and three schools. This does not include the hospital at Gaza and the church connected with that ministry.

## Mission Work Visited

During our recent visit to Israel it was our privilege briefly to visit the Baptist church and Baptist House, the Jerusalem House, and the Baptist Book Store in Jerusalem. We also spent some time at the Baptist church and school in Nazareth, had a meal at the Baptist Village at Petah Tiqva and fellowship with missionaries from several points during the visit there. We also visited the center of Baptist work in Tel Aviv. All of these visits afforded opportunities for fellowship with missionaries and with some of the national workers, and gave opportunity to learn much about the work.

One project which was of much interest to us was the work of missionary Dr. Robert L. Lindsey, who is engaged in the monumental task of translating the New Testament into modern Hebrew. No translation of the Testament into Hebrew has been made in over a century, and even that was not in the modern revived Hebrew language which is spoken in Israel today. When one remembers that about 2,000,000 Jews now live in Israel, and speak this language, he can realize what this work by Dr. Lindsey could mean to all Christian witness there. Baptists everywhere should pray for Dr. Lindsey in this great task.

As one meets the missionaries and national workers, he can say with Dr. Julian Pentecost, editor of the Virginia Religious Herald who was one of our party on the recent trip, "Southern Baptists have every reason to be grateful for the persons who constitute the Israel Mission. They are attractive, warm, sensitive, competent, and committed to ministering to people in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Their maturity is reflected by their patience—the ability to view their efforts in the context of years and decades. They could serve with equal distinction in any location. God's call to them and their response of obedience is the reason for their being in Israel."

"The near-sighted women who talked religion to a wooden Indian in front of a cigar store later declared she would rather be a live Christian and talk religion to a wooden Indian, than a wooden Christian who never talked religion to anybody." — Miles City Messenger



At the Nazareth Baptist School, the fourth grade class is pictured. Missionary Dale G. Thorne is at right and the teacher, Fahid Sabbagh, is at the blackboard. The school is named for the late Paul Rowden, missionary to Israel (husband of Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, director of public relations at William Carey College.)



Dr. Merrill Moore (standing left), receives a check for 2,500 Israeli pounds (about \$595 U.S.) from Gershon Rivlin, governor of District 199 of Rotary International. The check, which will benefit Gaza Baptist Hospital, represents proceeds from an appearance by Apollo 15 Astronaut James B. Irwin before six Rotary Clubs in the Tel Aviv area. Irwin, who was in Israel Dec. 22-29, met with Prime Minister Golda Meir, spoke to scientific and military groups and made appearances in towns and kibbutzim throughout the country. — (Photo by Ezra Yanub)



Jerusalem Baptist Congregation, Jerusalem, Israel — At the building entrance, people talk after worship service.



At the Jerusalem Baptist Church morning worship service, Dr. Robert L. Lindsey, missionary, is shown preaching.

## Baptist School Said To Escape Riots Because Of Respect

FORT WORTH (BP) — Baptist schools escaped the riots that have hit many other colleges and universities because students and faculty are used to treating each other with respect and compassion, Baylor University President Abner McCall said here.

"When we have problems, we talk it over," said McCall at the mid-winter meeting of Texas Baptist missions leaders here. The Baylor president said there is a growing support in the 1970's by Baptists to send their children to Baptist schools, a feeling that wasn't so prevalent in the 1950's. He

said Baylor couldn't take all the qualified students who applied in September.

McCall disputed the claims of those who have said education is the answer to all of America's problems.

"Making a man smart doesn't necessarily make him good," he said. "Sometimes it just makes him meaner and more dangerous. If everybody in the United States had a Ph.D., we wouldn't be a better people."

The reason, said McCall, is that our problems have a moral basis.

Drugs, alcohol, crime, juvenile delinquency and even unemployment problems have a moral basis."

James Madison, five feet four and 100 pounds, was the smallest President and William Howard Taft, over 300 pounds, the largest.

## Managua Sequel: Love In Action

WASHINGTON — The earthquake that virtually demolished the city of Managua, Nicaragua on December 23-24 prompted one of the greatest demonstrations of Christian love in the history of Baptist World Relief.

As of mid-February, the Baptist World Relief department knew of more than \$250,000 in aid channeled to Nicaragua from Baptist individuals, churches, and conventions. In addition, mission groups were making longrange plans for rebuilding destroyed church buildings, school and hospitals.

Carl W. Tiller, BWA Relief coordinator, said that the monetary figure does not tell the full story of response.

The true measure of concern is reflected in reports of numerous sacrificial gifts, such as US \$25 from Baptists in Bangladesh which is still plagued with damage from its 1971-72

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Davis came to South Dakota in 1966 from Montana mission work and state work on the Oglala Sioux reservation which stretches more than 100 miles long and 60 miles wide. More than 11,000 Sioux live on the reservation. Davis lives now in Rapid City and the reservation work was expanded to include missionary Heiney who lives in Pine Ridge.

Heiney is concerned with ministering to the people there on the reservation. The rift he says, is Indian against Indian, and he fears it could end in bloodshed.

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## Names In The News

**Jimmy Little** has been called as full-time minister of music and youth at East Moss Point Church, Moss Point. From Pascagoula, he received his Bachelor of Church Music Education degree at Mobile College. He has served as part-time music director at Griffin Street Church, Moss Point; First Church, and Kreole Avenue Church, Moss Point. He moved to East Moss Point from First Church, Robertsdale, Alabama. He is married to the former Sandra Howard.



**Temple Church**, Petal, has licensed **Bruce Grissom**, pictured, to the gospel ministry. Bruce, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Grissom, Jr., of Petal, is a senior at Petal High School and plans to enter William Carey College this fall. Rev. G. W. Smith is church pastor.



**First Church of Helena** (Jackson County) recently licensed **Kenneth R. Overby**, pictured, to the gospel ministry. Mr. Overby is enrolled in Clarke College and may be reached by mail at General Delivery, Newton. He is married to the former Betty Lou Snowden of Enterprise and they have two daughters, Kemberly, 10, and Kelly, 4. Mr. Overby is available for supply preaching. Rev. Thomas H. Crawford is pastor at Helena.



**Thirty-five writers** from 16 states gathered at Henry Horton State Park near Nashville recently for a Sunday School Youth Writer's Conference, sponsored by the youth section of the Baptist Sunday School Board. **Mrs. B. J. Dean**, First Church, Ocean Springs, visits here with **Franklin Farmer** (left), supervisor of the youth section and **Lynn M. Davis, Jr.**, manuscript analyst in the church services and materials division office. Writers attended the meeting to receive instructions and outlines to use as guidelines for writing in youth materials for the 1974-1975 year.

**Dr. Thomas W. Hill**, a Southern Baptist missionary and director of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House here, has been elected president of the International Spanish Evangelical Publishers Association (SEPA). Founded in 1970, SEPA represents major publishers of evangelical books in Spanish. The organization meets annually to share problems of selection, marketing and distribution; this year's meeting was in Mexico City.

**Keith Jefcoat**, 16, was the winner of the overall trophy at the State Baptist Music Tournament held at Clarke College. Keith, a junior at West Jones High School in Jones County is a member of the West Jones Band, Singers, piano club and is vice president of the Bible Club. He is also a member of Soso First Baptist Church. A scholarship has been offered to Keith for further development of his musical career. He is the son of Mrs. Joseph B. Jefcoat and the late James N. Jefcoat.

**Donovan T. Murphy** was licensed to preach by Gulfport Heights Church on February 4. He is available for supply work, and is highly recommended by his pastor, Rev. Lester McNair.

**Hattiesburg's 10 Outstanding Men** for 1972, five of the ten selected are Baptists: **Michael Edward West**, member of Main Street Church, president of Highway Express, Inc. and of West Brothers Leasing and Contracting Company; **William E. Innis**, First Church, Hattiesburg, owner of five Piggy Wiggly stores; **Judge Howard L. Patterson**, Chancellor of the 10th Judicial District; **Charles Z. Stevens**, Petal-Harvey Church, superintendent of Hensley Industries, Inc.; **Rev. Garland Innis**, city pastor of Hattiesburg and chaplain for Forrest County Jail.

**settled up** The Distinguished Service Award was presented to **Rev. Billy W. Baker** of Dumas February 5 at a Jaycee Presentation Banquet of the Ripley Jaycees. Mr. Baker has served as pastor of the Dumas Church for two years. Prior to Dumas he served Providence (Tippah); Bluff Springs (Neshoba); and interim pastor at Saitlo and Pittsboro. He is a native of Calhoun City, a graduate of Clarke College and Blue Mountain College and has completed one term at New Orleans Seminary. Mr. Baker and his wife, Becky, have lived in Tippah County for five years. They have two children, Diana 9, and Michael 8. Baker is the president of the Dumas TCDC, a member of the Board of Directors of the Blue Mountain Ministerial Alumni Association, and has held many associational responsibilities.



**Russell Wayne Brashear** (center) of Athens, Ohio, a freshman at Mississippi College, is shown receiving a scholarship check from **Van D. Quick**, (left), assistant to the president and director of admissions. The grant to Brashear was provided by the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio as part of a joint scholarship venture between the convention and the college. Looking on is **Dr. Phil McCarty**, associate professor of Bible and religious education, who has appeared before the Ohio convention informing them of the program at Mississippi College. (M.C. Photo by Bill Strange)



Winners of the Keith C. Von Hagen Award of Merit for 1973 are **Charles Clark** (left), manager of the Jackson, Miss., Baptist Book Store, and **Jay O. Turner**, manager of the central stores department in the Sunday School Board's book store division. Congratulating them on outstanding leadership in the opening of the first Lifeway Book Store, for which they earned the award, is **W. O. Thomason** (right), director of the book division. Named in honor of the division's former director, Keith C. Von Hagen, the award was first presented last year. It is given for outstanding or unusual contribution to the ministry of the Baptist Book Stores. This year's award was given at the division's annual merchandising conference held at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly in Florida.



February 18, First Church, Maben, ordained **Wayne Howard** of Maben to the gospel ministry. Rev. Raymond Glover brought the charge to the candidate and Rev. Billy Floyd brought the charge to the candidate and Rev. Billy Floyd brought the charge to the church. Rev. Randle Poss, pastor, led in the ordination prayer. Pictured are Mr. Howard, left, with Pastor Poss.

A pastor, an evangelism director and an agency executive have been named 1973 Distinguished Alumni at Southwestern Seminary. The announcement was made by Jesse Fletcher, president of the seminary alumni association and director of the mission support division of the Foreign Mission Board. The three named are **James E. Coggins**, pastor, Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth; **C. Wade Freeman**, evangelism director for the Baptist General Convention of Texas;

as, Dallas; and **Darold H. Morgan**, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board, Dallas. They will be honored during a special luncheon on June 13, in Portland, Ore., during the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Miss Linda Jenkins on February 15 completed her 16th year as secretary and receptionist at First Church, Yazoo City.



**Terry Regel** has surrendered to the full time ministry. The son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Regel of Marks, he has been attending the University of Mississippi and plans to attend New Orleans Seminary. He was licensed to preach on February 11, by Philadelphia Church, Etta. Not only is Terry a member of this church, but he also is a member of the church choir. He is pictured with his pastor, Rev. Earl Beeler, right.



New William Carey College Alumni Executive Council members pose following Homecoming activities on the Hattiesburg campus. Seated, center, is **Rev. S. A. Adkins** of Mobile, Carey President for 1973. He is surrounded from left to right by alumni council members: **Mrs. Donna Wheeler**, Hattiesburg; **Rev. Frank Lay**, Meridian; **Rev. Nathan Barber**, Hattiesburg; **Mrs. Deborah Moss**, Laurel; **Mrs. W. W. Grafton**, Hattiesburg; and **Mrs. Elsie Curtis**, Gulfport. Other council members not pictured include: **Lt. Carl V. King**, Florida; **Tommy King**, Laurel; **Lowell Broome**, Jackson; **Emory Morgan**, Columbia; **Mrs. Frances McCrory**, Hattiesburg; and **Dr. James Pinson**, Hattiesburg.



**Rodney Cook** was licensed to the Gospel Ministry by Highland Church, Laurel on February 14. He is a senior at West Jones High School and has been accepted as a ministerial student at Carey College for the fall term. Rodney is pictured with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cook, and his sister, Pam. Pastor Ralph Graves, shown at right, presented the certificate.



**Mrs. John E. Dawkins**, 77, of Mt. Gilead, N. C., died March 9 at a hospital in Sanford, N. C. following a brief illness. Mrs. Hawkins was the mother of Miss **Edna Frances Dawkins** of Richmond, associate secretary of the department of promotion and furlough ministries for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. She is also survived by a son, **J. E. Dawkins Jr.** of Hattiesburg, Miss., and another daughter, **Mrs. William L. Lewis** of Sanford.

WACO, Tex. — An Abner V. McCall Scholarship Fund has been established by planners of a recognition day March 30 for the 10th president of Baylor University.

A group of about 30 business, political, denominational and civic leaders serving as the advisory committee for the event met recently on the Waco campus of the Baptist university. The committee will finance the initial student scholarship from the fund.

Plans for the recognition day include convocations on campus during the week, an afternoon reception for out-of-town guests and a banquet at Waco's Civic and Convention Center. About 2,200 persons are expected to attend the March 30 banquet.

The banquet guest list, which will be composed by the advisory committee, will include educational, government, church, civic and student leaders and supporters of the university.

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## Baptist Hospital Dedicated In India

The following remarks were made by Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, SBC president, at the dedication and opening ceremonies of the new Southern Baptist Hospital, Bangalore, India, January 15, 1973:

It is an honor and a distinction to participate in this occasion and, especially, so, in representing 12 million members of the Southern Baptist Convention located in all 50 states of the USA. This large group of Christians accept the Holy Bible as the inspired Word of God. They acknowledge God as the Father of all; they recognize Jesus Christ as the incarnate Son of God who became flesh and dwelt among us — being at the same time God and man; they believe Christ gave His life as a sacrifice to redeem man from the penalty of sin; and they strive to follow the teaching of their Saviour, Jesus Christ, which includes in small part: (1) that through faith in Christ we have eternal life with God, (2) that through confession we have forgiveness of our sins, (3) that we should treat others as we would have them treat us, (4) that through prayer God's power is available to us, (5) that God is NO respecter of persons — for all are equal in His sight, (6) that love is the greatest power in the Universe, and (7) that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Because of the love Southern Baptists have for the people of India, we come today to offer the services of this hospital. It is an act of love of one people for another people.

This hospital does not come from the pocketbooks of Southern Baptists,

although the money used for its construction was given by them. This hospital does not come from the minds of Southern Baptists, although much thought and planning and judgment and thinking is represented by this institution. This hospital does not come from the hands of Southern Baptists, although much toil and labor and work has been wrought by Southern Baptists to bring us to this hour. This hospital does come from the hearts of Southern Baptists — for the heart is the source and seat of love, as it is the love we have for

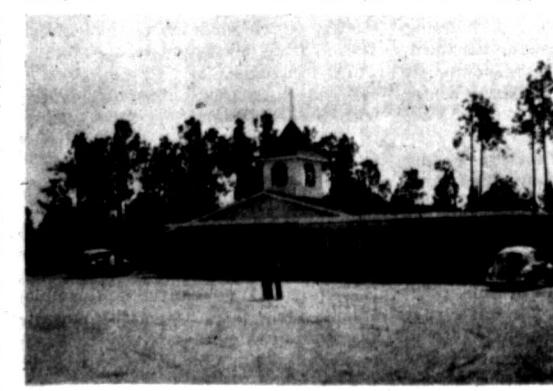
you that prompts us to make the services of this hospital available.

Southern Baptists love the people of India, for you are our brothers and sisters. As our brothers and sisters, your problems are our problems; your sorrows, our sorrows; your hunger, our hunger; your pain, our pain; your joy, our joy; and your sickness, our sickness. As your brothers and sisters, Southern Baptists want to help you heal the human hurt of this country.

From the hearts of Southern Baptists we say, "Here is the service of

a good hospital. Use it; cure the ill; strengthen the weak; make well the sick; and teach others to heal so that bodies may be made well and pain relieved."

May this hospital also serve as a perpetual and material reminder of the love and friendship the people of the United States have for the people of India. Let no act of Congress, no decree of Parliament, no word of a politician, nor no pronouncement of a diplomat, nor no action of a minister ever come between our people and your people. We are two great nations of democratic people, each striving to better the conditions of the common man, to help the needy, and to find the true relationship to God. (Continued on page 8)



Olivet Constructing Education Building

Pastor Floyd E. Hughes, in photo at right, breaks ground for the new 36 x 80 foot education building to be added to the Olivet Church, Gulfport, to the left of the sanctuary in photo at left. Others in the ground-breaking picture include, l to r: Bobby Dunwoody, Sunday school director; Roscoe Dean, Church Training director; Bill Murray, Building Committee chairman; and Rev. J. W. Brister, superintendent of missions, Gulf Coast Association, speaker for the occasion. A large

crowd of worshipers were in attendance. The children were enthusiastic about the ceremony, for the new \$50,000 building will provide room for a children's church service, as well as for 12 classrooms, doubling the present educational space. Roy Parkinson led in the prayer of dedication. "Since the above picture was made, the construction of the foundation is well underway. The frame should be constructed by the time this article is published," states Robert E. Dyess.





### Fourth Oldest In DeSoto To Build

Oak Grove Church, fourth oldest in Desoto Assn. (1852), had a special "ground-breaking" service, Feb. 25, for a new educational building. This will add about 1500 sq. ft., of space to their present building, and provide for several class rooms, nursery, and rest-rooms. This building is to be located on the site of the original building.

This small church is now beginning to have some growth; they have averaged about 25 in S.S. for the past several years, now are having about 45-50, or more. The picture: The man in the center, with the shovel, is C. M. Dunaway, one of the older members of the church. "Mr. Jake," as he is called, has been a faithful member of this church since young manhood, a deacon, S.S. teacher, church treasurer, song leader, and anything else the church needed! Mr. Dunaway also served as assn. clerk, for DeSoto Assn. for 26 years.

First man on the right, with the Bible, is Rev. Wm. L. Riles, and the third man from right, is J. C. Kicker, chairman of the Building Committee.

## Margaret Bruce Retires

Miss Margaret Bruce retired from Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union's national headquarters' staff February 17 after almost twenty-five years of travel, writing, and program leadership.

After a brief Florida vacation, Miss Bruce will enter a solid schedule of freelance missions work, beginning with leadership training engagements in Illinois and Hawaii. She is considering moving to a foreign mission field for several months to work as a volunteer.

Miss Bruce came to the Birmingham WMU office in 1948 as secretary of young people's work. She directed Sunbeam Band, Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassador, and Young Woman's Auxiliary work until 1957.

Since 1957 she has been a leader of women's work, first as director of the Woman's Missionary Society Department and later as Baptist Women's director.

Prior to joining the national WMU staff, Miss Bruce served for fourteen years as young people's secretary for the WMU of her native Tennessee.

Miss Bruce attended U. T. Junior College and Union University, and she graduated from Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now part of Southern Seminary) and Georgetown College.

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### "In Memoriam" Gift

An "In Memoriam" gift was presented during William Carey College's Homecoming activities Feb. 17 by the Class of 1966. Library volumes on special education were placed in Rouse Library in memory of Mrs. Emogene Roebuck Willis, formerly of Tupelo and winner of the 1966 Leadership award at William Carey College. Mrs. Willis, who was accidentally killed last August, was at the time of her death Director of the Mechlenburg Center for Human Development in Charlotte, N. C. Members of the Class of 1966 making the presentation pose above left; Roy McHenry, Lonnie Earnest, and Mrs. Nathan Barber.

John Quincy Adams was the son of a President and Benjamin Harrison the grandson. Zachary Taylor and James Madison were second cousins and the two Roosevelts were fifth cousins.

### Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

## The Danger Of Self-Trust

I Corinthians 10  
By Bill Duncan

"Who would have ever thought that he would go off after that line? said a sister one day to me wanting some answers on another religion. Her brother had been out west to interview a prospective employee when he was introduced to the new religion. Sunday School, Church Training, and good preaching had all been in his diet. "Why did he get confused about what was right?" was the question of his sister.

I have known several young girls who started out "to win" their boyfriends to become Christians only in the end "to lose" by becoming like the boy friend. The desire to like the person overcame the thoughts of beliefs and morals. The warning was given but the realization was too late.

The Living New Testament has I Corinthians 10:12 to read: "So, be careful. If you are thinking oh, I would never behave like that (like the unfaithful Israelites) let this be a warning to you. For you too may fall into sin."

The ships that land on the rocks or sand bars never start out from port with this as their intentions. But because of self-trust, confidence that is not well-grounded, accidents happen. Then people wonder why? Of course we need to have the ability to adventure. There is a fine line of difference between the dangerous and the safe. Good advice is, "Do not trust one's self too much."

The children of Israel enjoyed the

greatest privileges God ever gave but still they were far from being safe from temptation.

Paul reminded the Corinthians that the children of Israel who were so close to God had no guarantee whatever of security when temptation attacked. Everyone can learn some lessons from history. Some learn more than others. The children of Israel had many wonderful things to happen to them: protection, guidance, great leaders, and spiritual blessings. Yet they failed to be God's people. There were idolatry, fornication, trading on the mercy of God, murmuring, and grumbling.

Life has many temptations. A city tourist was trying to clear up a muddy stream of water to make it safe for drinking. He heard a noise behind him and turned to see a hill farmer eyeing his efforts with humor. "Stranger," the backwoodsman said, "that water will clear up if you'll run the hog out of the spring." Too many times we expose ourselves to temptation hoping that it will take. There are enough temptations that come through natural channels without going the back way to expose ourselves.

Temptations are sure to come. This is a part of the essence of life. But the basic idea of the New Testament's word for temptation is test. Temptation is something that is designed not to make us fail, but to test us so that we emerge from it stronger than ever. The test can be a step upward in life.

All temptations are not unique to us. Other people have endured them and have come through.

This is what the sailor was supposed to have said, "A shipwrecked mariner on this coast bids you set sail." His boat may have been lost but many more have weathered the

### Sunday School Lesson: International

## Man Has Gone Astray, Lost His Way

By Clifton J. Allen

Each lesson in this course of study has to do with a basic affirmation of the Christian faith. In the lesson before us, we consider the fact that man has lost his way. To understand this truth, we have to go back to the beginning of the race.

Man rebelled against God. He chose his own way instead of God's way. And this was the beginning of sin in human experience. In theological terms we call this "the fall." Man fell from his state of innocence. He went astray. He brought upon himself the consequences of his own self-will—separation from God, the burden of guilt, the anguish of remorse, the bitterness of moral weakness, and the reality of spiritual death.

**The Lesson Explained**

**ALL GUILTY** (Psalm 14:2-3)

The background for the adequate understanding of these verses is to be found in Genesis 3:1-19. In the disobedience of Adam and Eve, the human race was poisoned at its source. We should not press this truth and say that sin is inherited, but we should recognize the tragic factor that from the beginning of the race until now all men have been marked by an inclination toward evil. All men have gone astray. All are guilty.

The Lord is described as looking down from heaven to see if anyone acts wisely, that is, if anyone seeks after God. No such one is found. No one seeks after God because of stubborn rebellion in the heart. Instead of being inclined toward God, all men have turned away from God. All of this, of course, is the description of man in his natural state man in unrepentance, man estranged and unrepentant of evil, man apart from the saving faith and reconciling grace of the Christian gospel. Having gone astray under the impulse of our self-centered nature, we were, apart from Christ, under the condemnation of God.

### Colonial Heights Sets

#### New Attendance Record

February 25 was a Super Sunday at Colonial Heights Church, Jackson. The Sunday School attendance goal of 500 was surpassed, with a total of 600 attending Sunday School. The average attendance during the past church year was 290.

Thirty-two of the thirty-eight classes surpassed their goals, as much as doubling their goals. On the basis of a multiple point system, two teachers were selected as "Teachers of the Day." Bob Marchetti, who teaches the couples class, and Mrs. Geneva White, director of the six-year department, won these awards. H. B. Singuefield is director of the Sunday School.

There were 16 additions to the church on that day bringing the total number of additions in the past six months to 176. Rev. Brian Harbour is pastor.

Friends, former members, and former pastors are invited to all the day's events.

No bald-headed man was ever converted by a sermon during the fly season.

The trouble with little sins is they don't stay little.

### CORRUPTION IN THE HEART

(Jer. 17:9-10)

The insight of Jeremiah helps us further to understand something of the moral depravity of the unregenerate heart. He was overwhelmed by the sin of the people of Judah, so terrible that it was written with the pen of iron. The people were generally given over to idolatry, stubborn pride, and rebellious indifference. Adultery, greed, and injustice, marked their cankered life. They had broken their covenant relationship with God—they had gone astray—and this was the explanation of their spiritual perversity and their moral corruption. The heart which turns away from God becomes full of all uncleanness: vile thoughts, lustful imaginations, evil desires, selfish aspirations, covetous schemes, jealousy, and deceit. No wonder Jeremiah declared that the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately corrupt. The corruption of the heart can be made clean only by the forgiveness of God in Christ.

### THE DEPTHS OF INIQUITY

(Rom. 1:28 to 2:1)

Paul was describing the pagan or Gentile to show his need for salvation. Such depravity is universal; the path away from God leads to indescribable wickedness and corruption. This passage helps us to see something of the depths into which men sink when they refuse to acknowledge God. They give themselves over to lust, violate every standard of decency and propriety, engage in every conceivable means of sexual expression, and become so reprobate in mind that they act like fools in moral matters. They turn to vanity and falsehood, covetousness and violence, treachery and presumption. The long list of evil practices, shameful vices,

### Carmel Homecoming

Carmel Church, Monticello, Lawrence County, will observe a annual homecoming on Sunday, March 25.

Dr. N. W. Carpenter of Clinton, former pastor of the church, will be guest speaker at the morning service. The afternoon service, to begin at 1:30, will feature a youth singing group from First Church, Brookhaven.

Lunch will be served at the church. Friends, former members, and former pastors are invited to all the day's events.

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and wicked attitudes given by Paul makes it all too clear how a wrong relation to God makes it possible for a person to sink to the lowest levels of depraved conduct and corrupted thought and feeling. The person in rebellion against God is a victim of a perversity of spirit that may plunge him lower and lower in moral ruin and spiritual misery. And the sobering truth is that no one can have an excuse, no one can evade the indictment, no one can rightly say, "I am not guilty." We have all gone astray from God.

### Truths to Live By

The root of sin is self-will. This is the way sin begins in every person. It is the beginning point of going astray from God. The moral corruption in human nature is a tendency to self-centeredness. Our first morally responsible choices are self-assertive, self-centered, expressing unwillingness to yield to God's way in glad obedience.

Sin is the universal plague in humanity. — This means that all people, everywhere, are affected. The one supreme threat to moral and spiritual health, to justice and integrity in the social order, and to harmony and goodwill among the peoples of the earth is the demonic power of evil in human hearts.

Sin is the great destroyer. — First of all, it destroys a relationship with God and therefore destroys hope in human hearts. It destroys a sense of the meaning of life and therefore results in the confusion and emptiness

of selfishness and unbelief. It destroys love and loyalty in families, generosity and kindness in institutions, purity and honesty in individuals, and justice and peace in the nations of the earth. Sin destroys the love of truth, the desire to pray, joy in worship, zeal in the service of Christ, and bright hope for the blessedness of heaven. The remedy for sin is the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the free gift of God.

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## Devotional

## Dim Lights In A Dark World

By W. C. Burns, Pastor, First, Ellissville

Someone asked me the question the other day, "What is the most important thing in all the world?" As I pondered this question, many thoughts entered my mind such as health, freedom, peace, love, and security. But then I realized that the most important thing in my own personal life would be for my life to be centered in Christ and abiding in His Will. The scriptures tell us that we should be shining lights in a dark world. It seems to me that there are too many dim lights flickering in a dark world. Why have our lights grown dim?

## I. FIRST, BECAUSE OF LACK OF FAITH:

I still hear the sounds of men crying out that there is no God. I still hear young people rebelling against the church and many against Jehovah God. Oh how we need the kind of God Isaiah saw which was high and lifted up to be seen and to shine light for Jesus in today's world. Are you a shining light for Jesus so that others may see Jesus in you? The scriptures tell us in Matthew's Gospel, chapter 5, verse 14, "Ye are the light of the world." Our lights have grown dim today because of this lack of faith.

## SECOND, OUR LIGHTS HAVE GROWN DIM TODAY BECAUSE OF SIN:

It seems that no longer do Christians turn against the sins of the world, but join in with the world instead. The Bible says a light is to be a guide. How difficult it would be for me to drive my car at night with the lights off. We can apply this to our own lives. Is your light shining so that others might see Jesus in you or is your light so dim that others can't even see your light?

## III. WHAT KIND OF LIGHT ARE WE TO SEND?

The kind of light that we should send is the light that warms, the light which guides. This is the light that will shine brightly in a dimly lit world. Surely the Bible is true when it says, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." The true light is JESUS. When we follow Him, the lights will be bright in today's world.

## Church Library Department Conducts Nationwide Clinics

NASHVILLE — Three church library clinics will be conducted in April and May, 1973, according to Wayne Todd, secretary of the church library department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, here.

The first clinic will be conducted April 6-7 at Cedarwood Baptist Assembly located between Louisville and Frankfort, Ky. A second clinic, April 13-14, will be held at California Baptist College, Riverside. Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark., will be the site of the third clinic, May 4-5.

All clinics will begin with a banquet on Friday at 6 p.m. and end Saturday at noon. A presentation of slides and a tape recorded narration entitled "Services and Ministry of the Church Library" will follow the Friday banquet. Saturday's program features "Outreach and the Church Library" and "Media: Library Services Journal."

"The clinics are designed to aid

church library workers but other church staff members will find them informative and helpful," said Todd.

Each clinic will consist of four conferences. These conferences will include: "Beginning Library Workers," "Classifying Books for the Church Library," "Audiovisual Education," and "Introducing: Educational Media Workshop Guide and The Church Library Record and Plan Book, 1973-74."

Faculty members for the California clinic include: Carlton Carter and James Rose, both consultants in the board's church library department; and Mrs. Jewell Carter, circulation and reference librarian at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in San Francisco. In addition to Rose, Jacquelyn Anderson and John Hack, also church library consultants, will conduct the clinics in Kentucky and Arkansas.

A registration fee of \$4.00 for each

clinic will pay for the banquet and a notebook of materials. For registration contact the Church Library De-

partment, The Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn., 37234.



Pictured is D. W. Lott Sr., chairman of deacons, as he presents the check to his pastor, Rev. Q. C. Barrett, on behalf of Greens Creek Church.

partment, The Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn., 37234.

Greens Creek Sends

## Check To Help Build Rural Church In Ghana

Greens Creek Church, Lebanon Association, has given a check of \$500.00 which will assist the Baptist members of Savelugu town in Tamale Baptist Association Ghana, to build a Baptist church.

Missionaries Ralph and Cora Joyce Davis, who serve as advisors to this association in Tamale, Ghana, West Africa, have expressed their gratitude and declared the gift an answer to many years' prayer. (The Davises, who are Mississippians, are now on furlough and are living in Hattiesburg this year.)

## Hattiesburg Luncheon Honors

## Writer, Phyllis Nell Lane

By Bonnie Bombay

in Hattiesburg - American

The Baptist Women of the Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, honored Phyllis Nell Lane recently at a luncheon in the church. She was presented a book for her outstanding contribution as church reporter for Baptist Women, as a leader of a Training Union group and as group leader of the Fonce McPhail McFadden Prayer group.

A cerebral palsy victim since childhood, Phyllis Nell explains, "It is difficult for me to communicate by word of mouth to a majority of people, but I can convey my thoughts and feelings of God through devotionals and stories that I peck out on my typewriter."

"Crutches throw me off balance. To help me walk I use a long stick which I hold with both hands, as one would hold a broom. When I was little I used a fishing cane," says the daughter of Mrs. W. H. Lane and the late Mr. Lane.

Phyllis Nell's dark brown eyes sparkle as she recalls the past, "My main ambition was to graduate from college so I enrolled at William Carey. Mrs. B. L. Parkington, a professor, insisted I come home and type her lectures from memory. I didn't know at the time this was excellent training to be a church reporter. I majored in general speech and had a minor in English."

"I didn't know what I wanted to do as a vocation so I decided to write a story of my life. The story was accepted by Baptist Student. Thus my writing career was born. My story, 'Determination versus Strength,' was re-written by Wayne E. Todd for a Southern Baptist magazine."

To date Phyllis Nell has had 11 articles published in Southern Baptist magazines and a story in Christian Life.

She has written a week of devotionals which will come out in Open Windows, in 1974.

The young writer readily admits she has no speed on her IBM electric typewriter. She spends days writing one devotion. The machine has a special keyboard cover about one-fourth of an inch above the keys. In order to type she has to put her finger in the hole of the desired key.

Neighbors often see Phyllis Nell riding her three-wheel bicycle down the street to Main Street Church. She enjoys visiting her pastor, Dr. John E. Barnes, for he has given her

encouragement in everything she has done through the years.

Phyllis Nell's great capacity for independence can be largely attributed to her parents' insistence that she do all she could for herself. For this reason she has been able to travel with her family to New York, Washington, California, Florida, New Mexico and Pennsylvania.



Phyllis Nell Lane spends hours each day writing stories and devotionals on her special IBM typewriter. The cerebral palsy victim combines a successful writing career with magazine sales. The Baptist Women of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, honored Phyllis Nell for her outstanding contributions to the life of the church. (Staff Photo by Charles Harris)

## REVIVAL RESULTS

First Church, Union: Rev. Bob Barker, Jr., evangelist; Randy LeBlanc, singer; 20 professions of faith; 42 rededications; four additions by letter; unusual by large crowds in morning services, with 191 in attendance on Friday morning; Rev. F. Douglas White, pastor. (Bob Barker, Jr. has just completed his second year in full-time evangelism. He can be reached at 55 Margaret Avenue, Chickasaw, Ala. 36611).

Shiloh Church (Lafayette): Rev. Gerald Buckley, pastor of West Heights Church, Pontotoc, evangelist; five professions of faith; seven rededications of life; Rev. Partee Tutor, pastor.

First Church, Ripley: February 18-25; Dr. Paul Wilson, pastor, evangelist; Bob Koonce, minister of music at First Church, singer; seven professions of faith; eight additions by letter; numerous rededications.

## Off The Record

Two men had sat over their coffee for two hours, taking up space in a busy eating place. Finally, the waitress handed them a check for \$3. "Wow! Is that for the coffee?" one of them asked. "No!" snapped the waitress. "That's a parking ticket."

If more husbands had self starters, fewer wives would have to be cranks.

Three small boys were discussing their grandfathers. One bragged that his grandfather had done a lot of prospecting up in Alaska and had found a lot of gold.

Another said his grandfather was a deep sea fisherman and had won several prizes for catching the largest fish.

The third little boy's grandfather hadn't been so active. In fact his grandfather had long suffered from a bad heart and had recently had a packmaker transplanted in his body. The youngster seemed stumped for a moment. He said proudly, "H'm. Neither one of you guys has a grandfather who runs on batteries!"

Little white lies have a habit of picking up a bit of dirt as they grow along.

## Jacksonian Is State Coordinator

## Of Nationwide TV Clean-Up Effort

Interested citizens gathered at Mrs. D. W. Boutwell's at Forest, recently to meet with Mrs. Paul Hogue, of Jackson, Mississippi coordinator for the nation-wide campaign to clean up television.

Mrs. Hogue told of attending the kick-off CleanUp — Television Luncheon at the Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D. C., recently, where the following people spoke: Mrs. Martha Rountree, originator of "Meet the Press" and President of Leader-

ship Foundation which sponsors the Clean Up TV campaign; Mrs. William Bright, wife of the founder of Campus Crusade; Mrs. Ruth Dienert, daughter of Billy Graham; Mrs. George Rommey; Mrs. Pat Boone; Dr. Jesse Steinfield, U. S. Surgeon General; Mrs. Helen Bentley, Chairman of the Maritime Commission; and Robert E. Lee, Acting Chairman of FCC.

Mrs. Hogue said: "We have a real opportunity at last, with very sound people across our nation, to change the direction of television and the media, which have, in recent years, beckoned the American people toward decadence. . . If we take for granted the blessings of living in America and do nothing to keep them, we will surely lose them. But if we decide to lay our lives and energies on the line, we can accomplish great things."

Those wanting to enlist contact Mrs. Paul Hogue, 836 N. Jefferson, Jackson, Miss. 38222, telephone 255-5908.

There are "at least" 339 published English versions of the Scriptures, according to Miss Elizabeth Eisenhart, librarian of the American Bible Society. Of these 45 are complete Bibles, nine contain the Old Testament text only, and 88 the New Testament. The remaining 197 are versions with one complete book or more, but less than complete Testaments.

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Baptist Hospital . . .

(Continued from page 6)

We pause to acknowledge that the soul of man must also be nurtured, made whole and complete, for what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul. We, therefore, set aside this institution to minister to the total man — the whole man — spirit as well as body.

On behalf of all Southern Baptists we acknowledge our mutual love and understanding and offer to you the services of this institution because we care and we would give evidence of that care. May God's blessings be upon this hospital. May His favor be upon its staff and His healing presence upon all its patients.

And, thank you.

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DUBLIN (RNS) — The British and Foreign Bible Society plans to deliver free of charge a special edition of Luke's Gospel to every home

in Northern Ireland.

The book, entitled "Good News for Ireland Told by Luke" will be distributed during Lent. The society said the title was specially chosen "because good news is a commodity sorely needed in Northern Ireland."